

STAR PIERCE

Star Pierce Design

"Beauty is about a state or an experience, rather than things or even the relationship of things, such as light, shape and color," says Star Pierce. While function is essential in creating spaces that people love to live in, striving for excellence also means finding real inspiration on every project and holding that vision to its realization. She looks at the project through the clients' eyes and then uses her vast experience to enhance their initial vision. Star's favorite quote from Khalil Gibran is: "Beauty is not a need but an ecstasy." This soulful concept is truly at the heart of the Star Pierce Design philosophy.

Bringing a sense of the sublime to the homes she works on, Star has evolved as an interior designer through more than 20 years in the profession. She has deepened her artistic vision over time and has learned the importance of surrounding herself with an amazing team of people from craftsmen and expeditors to financial consultants; this strong group of collaborators ensures that the execution



ABOVE:

Textured and monochromatic, the master bedroom is warm and inviting, though elegantly minimal. Sandblasted glass doors are aglow in the evening creating an illuminated art wall.

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Artful, modern furnishings create intimate living areas in a San Francisco home's beautiful open space. A custom cashmere sofa lives harmoniously with pounded earth totems in the foreground.

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of creative ideas flows smoothly. Her studio is committed to excellence and executes each artistic vision within all of the given parameters. As anyone who runs a business knows it takes time, soul searching, the right people and attention to detail in order to meet and exceed expectations.

Star attended the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in women's studies. Prior to becoming an interior designer she realized her innate passion for art and design by opening Brava Strada, her own retail establishment in Pacific Heights. Many of her first interior design clients discovered Star's creativity amid the adobe walls of this elegant shop. As proprietor, buyer and interior designer, she further honed her eye for beauty in classical and unconventional objects, spaces and the environment.

Star's love for nature eventually moved her to Marin County where she established her namesake firm, Star Pierce Design, in 1995. Today she designs and fabricates furniture from reclaimed wood to add character and breathe life into a room. Before it became of mainstream interest, Star was an advocate of sustainability and today is particularly mindful about green design.

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A unique Mill Valley home lights up among the redwoods and in true California style welcomes in a blend of tradition and creative forward thinking.

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Cool blue, translucent drapery forms an intense, yet restrained relationship with the radiant Stanley Boxer painting. Copper-colored fabric married with the shimmering aged patina on the Aryana carpet lays the foundation for many years of magical dining.

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Enlivening spaces is her specialty, whether custom residential construction or extensive home renovations. Working closely with architects she collaborates early on in the process to design custom homes with exquisite architectural details. Whether projects call for striking modern minimalist or a juxtaposition of styles, her range of work is consistently exciting. Star deftly works with complex color palettes as well as simple subtle hues.

She approaches each project with the openness of a beginner's mind and the heart of an artist striving for mastery. Known as creative and unconventional, Star's enlightening ideas are executed with ease, grace and impeccable taste. Her sense of humor and genuine interest in people makes her accessible and receptive, which is the cornerstone of her refreshing and innovative approach

ABOVE:
Traditional and modern elements blend effortlessly in the residence's rich, warm family room.
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Complex and striking, the living room layers various tones, patterns and shapes to create a balanced and uniquely elegant entertaining area.
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